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TAGS:EMIN, US, UV

SUBJECT:TAMBAO PROJECT
REF: OUAGADOUGOU 3892

1. COMPANY OFFICIAL OF UNION CARBIDE CONFIRMS THAT THEY
HAVE INFORMED GOUV BY TELEX OF THEIR DECISION TO DROP
OUT OF TAMBAO PROJECT, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS ECONO-
MICALLY VIABLE BUT NOT OF A HIGH ENOUGH RETURN TO COMPETE
WITH OTHER PROJECTS FOR CORPORATE RESOURCES.

2. BEGIN LOU: SOURCE DESCRIBED THE MANGANESE AS VERY
HIGH GRADE OF ROUGHLY 12 MILLION TONS (OF 52PERCENT-53
PERCENT MANGANESE CONTENT). PARTICIPATION BEFORE UC PULL-
OUT HAD BEEN 51 PERCENT SOMITAM (UPPER VOLTAN), 30 PER
CENT JAPANESE, 9 PERCENT GERMAN, 7 PERCENT UC, AND
3 PERCENT FRENCH. THE DECISIVE FACTOR FOR UC WAS
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APPARENTLY THE 210 MILE RAIL LINE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE
BUILT, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF 130 MILLION DOLS., THAT
WOULD BE PAID FOR OVER SIXTEEN YEARS BY PROJECT PARTI-
CIPANTS IN RAIL FREIGHT FEES. THOSE FEES, ROUGHLY 60
PERCENT OF COST OF FOB ORE, SIMPLY CUT TOO DEEPLY INTO
PROFITS IN COMPARISON WITH UC OPERATIONS IN GABON,
BRAZIL, AND AUSTRALIA. END LOU CHRISTOPHER

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